

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 is amended by this response. No claims are canceled, or added. Accordingly, following entry of these amendments and remarks, claims 1-5 and 9-12 will remain pending.

Claim 1 is amended by this response to recite that the rear end plate has guide bosses, and that the thrust member is detachably attached to the motor body using the guide bosses. Support for these claim amendments may be found in the specification at least at page 6, lines 19-26.

None of the references relied upon by the Examiner to reject the claims in the latest office action, teach or suggest these elements of the pending claims. Specifically, neither JP 10-066294 to Yoshida, JP 61-109437 to Masutani teaches, nor JP 10-271753 to Krauth, teaches or even suggests a detachable thrust member attached utilizing a plurality of guide bosses

Based upon the failure of the art, taken even in combination, to teach or suggest all of the elements of the pending claims, it is respectfully asserted that these claims cannot be considered obvious in view of the references. Continued rejection of the pending claims is improper, and the obviousness claim rejections should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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